

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 2 through March 7, 2009

## Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2:00 p.m., Senate will begin consideration of H.R. 1105, Omnibus Appropriations Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

## Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine improving nutrition for America's children in difficult economic times, 10:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Armed Services:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine acquisition of major weapons systems by the Department of Defense, and S. 454, to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine consumer protections in financial services, 10 a.m., SD-538.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine American International Group, focusing on government intervention and implications for future regulation, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine economic and budget challenges for the short and long term, 10 a.m., SD-608.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* March 3, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the progress on smart grid initiatives authorized in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, and funded in the stimulus bill, and opportunities and impediments in installation of smart grid technologies, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine draft legislative proposals on energy research and development, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Finance:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, 10 a.m., SD-215.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Ronald Kirk, of Texas, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, 3 p.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* March 3, to hold hearings to examine Iranian political and nuclear realities and United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 4, Full Committee, to hold closed briefing to examine Iran status report, focusing on nuclear and political issues, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States strategy regarding Iran, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine systemic risk and breakdown of financial governance, 9 a.m., SD-342.

March 4, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine tax haven banks and United States tax compliance, focusing on obtaining names of United States clients with Swiss Accounts, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine transparency and accountability for recovery and reinvestment spending, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 5, Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine how the Obama Administration can achieve an accurate and cost-effective 2010 census, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine getting to the truth through a nonpartisan commission of inquiry, 10 a.m., SD-106.

March 5, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 386, to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, S. 49, to help Federal prosecutors and investigators combat public corruption by strengthening and clarifying the law, S. 146, to amend the Federal antitrust laws to provide expanded coverage and to eliminate exemptions from such laws that are contrary to the public interest with respect to railroads, S. 256, to enhance the ability to combat methamphetamine, and the nominations of Elena Kagan, of Massachusetts, to be Solicitor General of the United States, Thomas John Perrelli, of Virginia, to be Associate Attorney General, and David S. Kris, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* March 5, to hold joint hearings to examine the legislative presentations of veterans' service organizations, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* March 3, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

March 5, Full Committee, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* March 4, to hold hearings to examine health reform in an aging America, 10 a.m., SD-562.

## House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* March 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on Science Overview, 10 a.m., and on The Place of NASA Science in the Overall Science Enterprise, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

March 3, Subcommittee on Defense, on Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury Programs, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.